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Declaration and Power of Attorney For Patent Application

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled REACTION VESSELS, A SET OF SUCH VESSELS, AND AN IMMUNOLOGICAL ASSAY METHOD AND APPARATUS IMPLEMENTING SUCH SETS OF VESSELS (Attorney Docket No. 72211-9011), the specification of which was filed with my authority, on May 10, 2000 as Application Serial No. 09/554,167.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims referred to above.

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